

PROGRESS REPORT NO. 69

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RE: Upper Columbia River (UCR) Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study

(RI/FS) - Progress Report No. 69 Month Ending March 2012

Pursuant to Paragraph 39 of the June 2, 2006 Settlement Agreement (Agreement), the following is intended to provide a summary of the activities completed during the past month in compliance with the aforementioned Agreement. It is also intended to provide a brief summary of pending and on-going activities.

The final version of the *Expansion of the Problem Formulation Chapter of the UCR Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment Work Plan* was submitted on March 26th and posted on the public domain of the project website.

Comments on the Draft *Fish Tissue Data Summary and Data Gap Report* (August 2010) were received on the 19th of March. The document is being revised accordingly and a draft final version will be submitted no later than April 18, 2012.

At the time of writing, definitive timelines for the submission of draft reports associated with white sturgeon toxicity studies have not been determined. TAI will continue to work cooperatively with EPA in evaluating and determining appropriate schedules for the submission of the aforementioned draft reports.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 509-623-4585.

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